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Applicant: Alan R. Reinberg

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: OXIDATIVE CONDITIONING COMPOSITIONS FOR METAL OXIDE LAYER AND

APPLICATIONS THEREOF

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 8, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.